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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL WE HAVE CONTACTED 33 FIRMS WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARIES OF AMERICAN FIRMS AND PRESUMABLY IN BEST POSITION TO KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE NEW R/ O' S WILL AFFECT THEIR IMPORTS FROM U. S. NO FIRM REPORTED THAT NEW R/ O' S WILL AFFECT THEIR SOURCE OF SUPPLY. FIRMS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN EXPRESSING OPINION THAT IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE THEY WILL BE AFFECTED BUT ALL WHO INCORPORATING U. S. IMPORTED PARTS INTO THEIR PRODUCTS REPORT THAT U. S. ORIGIN PART INSIGNIFICANT OR THAT THEY HAVE ALWAYS DECLARED THEIR EXPORTED PRODUCTS AS GERMAN IN ORIGIN AND WILL CONTINUE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DO SO. MAY IN SOME CASES AFFECT EXPORTS OF SPARE PARTS WHERE THEY 100 PERCENT U. S. ORIGIN BUT THIS NOT CONSIDERED OBSTACLE TO U. S. SOURCING.

2. FIRMS AWARE OF NEW R/ OS ONLY IN GENERAL (I. E., THAT CUSTOMS INVOICE MUST NOW CARRY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) BUT HAVE NOT YET EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF THEIR INTRODUCTION. FURTHER EXPERIENCE COULD POSSIBLY LEAD COMPANIES TO CHANGE THEIR OPINION THAT THEY ARE UNAFFECTED. A NUMBER OF COMPANIES HAVE QUITE CANDIDLY EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE NEW R/ OS WILL BE UNENFORCEABLE SINCE THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO MAKE THEM WORKABLE. ONE COMPANY WHICH ADMITTED TO BEING AFFECTED, A. O. SMITH METER SYSTEMS, SAID THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT THEIR ASSEMBLY OPERATION FROM MOSTLY U. S. MADE PARTS SINCE THIS U. S. SUPPLYING NECESSARY FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. BROGAN

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